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# News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Volunteers honored for hours of service**

VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) Volunteers were honored for their many hours of service during an annual Volunteer Recognition Holiday Party.

This year, VA BHHCS has received the benefit of approximately 34,726 regularly scheduled volunteer hours. Multiplied by the \$15.60 per hour average value, shows that volunteers have provided services that would have cost \$541,725.60 to VA BHHCS.

“One hour is all that it takes – you can do so much for a Veteran in that hour,” VA BHHCS Director Steve DiStasio said. “I thank you for the many hours you’ve given.”

Volunteer Service Awards were given at the following levels:

#### **Volunteers at the Hot Springs VA Medical Center**

**100 hours:** Terry Cousins

**300 hours:** Terry DeRouchey, Russell Whitley, Lawrence Montgomery

**500 hours:** Marion Grant, Irene Sears, Jim Phoenix

**750 hours:** George Hesse, Ernest Rouse, Michael Layton

**1,000 hours:** Susan Getz, Troy Lynn Peneaux

**1,750 hours:** Eduardo Ramirez, Scott Wells

**2,500 hours:** Jack Lopez

**Presidential Lifetime Awards (4,000 hours):** H.G. Krosschell, Don Schumacher

#### **Hours and Years Awards:**

Susie Clyde with 1,342 hours and 14 years of service

Helen Irwin with 6,529 hours and 18 years of service

William Pullins with 1,553 hours and 3 years of service

Jerry Ross with 2,253 hours and 4 years of service

#### **Volunteers at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center**

**100 hours:** Jim Childers, Al Colgrove, Wiley Enright, Albert Gough, Wilmer Hettinger, Chad Jones, Verlyn Long Wolf, Gene Miller, Milo Oster, John Riley, Terry Rinderneck, Marcella Root, Alan Schuetz, Doug Stulken, Robert Turner, Peter Weinzirl, Barbara Wilson, James Winkler, Jerome Wright

**300 hours:** Ginger Childers, Roland Enninga, Bruce Huber, Carmen Huber, Lorin Lawrence, George Lingle, Ken Michaelson, Gary Payer, Craig Sanderson, Wylie Schwalm, Terry Supanik, Diane Ward, Tim Wetz, Dale Wiskur

**500 hours:** Ernest Cudmore, William Cudmore, Rudolph Dean, Ken Hatzenbuhler, Arlan Hintz, Eileen Hodges, John Hughes, Ron Knodel, Peter Larson, Cindy Melling, Delores Muhm, Linda Newland, Gerald Niemiller, Howard Reid, Virgil Stockstad, Forest Walter, Chuck Ward

**750 hours:** Charles Fuller, Marion Grant, Gerald Westergaard

**1,000 hours:** Hilton Beiro, LaWayne Bellander, Don Cheney, David Cooley, Keith Hayes, Dennis Roy, Melvin Shuck, Nancy Worth

**1,750 hours:** Thomas Brady, Vincent Korang, Robert Siedschlaw, Dennis Turner

**2,500 hours:** Bradley Colling

**3,750 hours:** Sandy Baier, Charles Drust, Fred Goerndt

**5,000 hours:** Jim McPherson

**10,000 hours:** Frank Jones

**12,500 hours:** Jan Masden, Don Sealock

**Hours and Years Awards:**

Roy Anderson with 1,649 hours and 3 years of service

Edward Baier with 1,615 hours and 7 years of service

Daryl Cole with 1,442 hours and 8 years of service

Myron Eliason with 3,435 hours and 12 years of service

Ruby Goerndt with 3,635 hours and 10 years of service

Patricia Goff with 5,727 hours and 13 years of service

Martha Hollis with 3,012 hours and 14 years of service

Shirley A. Johnson with 2,032 hours and 4 years of service

Lloyd Keszler with 3,102 hours and 6 years of service

Gordon Kotab with 1,398 hours and 4 years of service

Arvid Meland with 5,721 hours and 12 years of service

Charles Muhm with 6,636 hours and 15 years of service

Jerry Pottratz with 1,188 hours and 4 years of service

Oliver Redden with 2,988 hours and 22 years of service

Alvin Shaw with 2,088 hours and 7 years of service

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